

OSC Matlock reported that the facility is managing both offsite water flowing onto the Site and water migrating through the Site. The facility is pumping a large amount of water due to rainfall combined with ice/snow melt and storing the water in onsite tanks for temporary storage. The facility noted that they have filled the Tank 400 and are beginning to pump to Tank 401.

The facility has been maintaining the booms along the impacted shoreline. Additionally, the facility is minimizing the amount of rainfall entering the interceptor trench by placing plastic sheeting over the surface of the impacted slope and over the trench. This should allow fresh rainwater to bypass the trench system and flow directly into the Elk River. Furthermore, a vacuum hose was connected directly to the excavated pipe in the interceptor trench, which reduced the volume of water entering the trench. These preparations should reduce the chance of the excess water overwhelming the interceptor trench system.

Dealing with the excess water onsite caused the sampling of the onsite monitoring wells to be rescheduled from yesterday to today, Thursday February 6. However, the facility's contractor yesterday sampled a surface water sample from the upgradient sump (outside of containment area).

The facility is developing a plan to divert offsite water currently flowing into the facility and reroute the water to discharge directly into the Elk River. They are trying to identify the source of the offsite water, provide analytical data showing that the water is clean, and then re-route it to the Elk River. This would greatly reduce the amount of water currently being pumped and contained.

The facility noted that they will submit, via e-mail, an inventory of the onsite tanks. The facility has also indicated that they have begun shipping product (MCHM/PPH blend) to customers from the Poca facility.